

From Politico's Darren Goode, "Issa panel keeps Dems in the dark":

"The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee's Republicans began at least a two-year campaign of intense probes into the actions of the Obama administration on Tuesday by turning down attempts by panel Democrats to be more in the loop in those investigations.

"The panel — on a party-line vote — turned away an amendment from ranking member Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) requiring the majority to seek agreement with the minority before issuing a subpoena. If the minority objected, then a vote on the committee would have occurred. This was the same agreement that existed between former top panel Republican Tom Davis of Virginia and Democrat Henry Waxman of California.

"Issa and fellow Republicans [also] opposed an [amendment](#) Cummings offered that was identical to one Issa had offered in a 2007 committee organizational meeting requiring minority consultation but allowing exceptions for flight risks and other emergencies."

Read the full story [here](#) .